

*Delegate to the Council of the New York Academy of Sciences—*  
Dr. M. A. Howe

*Representatives on Council of A. A. A. S.—*Dr. R. A. Harper  
and Dr. B. O. Dodge

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M. and refreshments were served in the Bird Hall by the refreshment committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
FORMAN T. MCLEAN  
*Secretary*

### NEWS NOTES

Dr. Henry Knute Svenson, formerly of the editorial staff of *Biological Abstracts* has taken the position of Curator of Plants at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Dr. George M. Reed of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden has prepared an interesting series of exhibition cases showing varieties of grains and of types of corn and of hybrids of corn and of sorghum, the latter with the two parents and the cross between them. These have gone to the high schools of New York where advanced biology is taught.

Dr. Bernard O. Dodge, of the New York Botanical Garden was among the experts who helped plan a method of preserving a series of paintings in the administration building of the Panama Canal at Balboa. The paintings had been attacked by mold which threatened to destroy them. They have now been coated with a thin film of paraffine wax which gives promise of permanent preservation.

Dr. J. C. Arthur, professor emeritus of botany at Purdue University, celebrated his eightieth birthday on January 11. At a luncheon held in his honor Dr. Arthur gave an account of the development of the department from its founding in 1888. Dr. Arthur was head of the department from the time of its founding to his retirement in 1915. He has been actively engaged in a study of rusts since his retirement and has just published a book entitled "Plant Rusts." (*Science*)

Dr. William A. Archer recently resigned from the Office of Plant Disease Survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and began work on January 15th as professor of plant pathology in the School of Agriculture and Veterinary Science at Medellin,

Colombia. Dr. Archer has taught and done research work at New Mexico State Agricultural College, the University of Michigan and Oberlin College. With Dr. Archer went Mr. Charles H. Ballou as entomologist. Mr. Ballou has been technical assistant in the Japanese Beetle Control Laboratory at Moorestown, N. J. (Science)

Dr. Caroline A. Black, Chairman of the department of botany of Connecticut College, died on January 19 at Cincinnati, Ohio. She was taken ill while returning from the Des Moines meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Science. (Science)

I was interested in the note in *Torreyia*, Vol. 29, No. 6, Page 152, on *Aconitum noveboracense*, by H. A. Gleason and Wm. J. Bonisteel, referring to the large colony on the Beaverkill, in the southwestern Catskills. May I report another station, where I saw at least twenty flowering plants, and where there are probably more. This was on a brook on the north slope of Doubletop Mountain, about five or six miles east northeast of the Beaverkill station. On a climbing and camping trip in the southwestern Catskills, in July, 1923, with Harold F. Scutt of Douglaston, L. I., we made camp at the highest water on a little stream on the north side of Doubletop, about dark and in getting ready for the night did not observe the plants about us closely. But in the morning, going to the stream for water, I saw a group of this species of Monkshood, with flowers and fruit. The altitude was about 2800 feet. Further down the stream were more plants. This brook is a tributary of Dry Brook, which enters the east branch of the Delaware (to which Beaverkill is also tributary) at Arkville.

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